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SUBJECT: ILO: DIRECTOR GENERAL'S FOLLOW-UP TO 59TH CONFERENCE
RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ISRAEL

REF: STATE 49967

1. US REP HOROWITZ AND AMBASSADOR MAINTAINING
CLOSE CONTACT WITH ISRAELI AMBASSADOR RONN
ON TACTICS FOR HANDLING DIRECTOR GENERAL'S "PROGRESS
REPORT ON STUDY OF THE SITUATION OF WORKERS
IN TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL (GB 199/20/11). IN
CONVERSATION MARCH 3 AMBASSADOR INFORMED RONN OF
DIFFICULTY WE ARE ENCOUNTERING AMONG FRIENDLY DELEGATIONS
IN SEEKING SUPPORT TO BRING HALT TO PROCESS WE REGARD
AS OUTSIDE PRESCRIBED PROCEDURES AND IN VIOLATION OF
DUE PROCESS. UK, ESPECIALLY, IS RESISTANT TO OUR
EFFORT, ARGUING THAT THIS IS WRONG ISSUE ON WHICH TO
STAND AND WRONG TIME TO STAND ON ISSUE IN ANY EVENT.
WE HAVE EXPLAINED TO RONN THAT WE ARE PURSUING
EFFORT NEVERTHELESS TO TRY TO FIND A VOICE AMONG EC9
PREPARED TO SPEAK UP (AND HOPEFULLY FOR EC9) IN
SUPPORT OF A US STATEMENT POINTING TO ILLEGAL NATURE
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OF THIS PROCESS, OR AT MINIMUM TO GO ON RECORD TO

EFFECT THAT ACQUIESCENCE IN PROCESS WHICH HAS BEEN INITIATED IS NOT TO BE REGARDED AS ACQUIESCENCE IN ESTABLISHMENT OF PRECEDENT.

2. ASKED FOR HIS BEST JUDGMENT, RONN FAVORED TAKING COURSE WHICH WOULD ALLOW ARABS TO SPEAK FIRST AND PERMIT OTHERS THEREAFTER TO RESPOND ACCORDINGLY. IF ARABS ARE HIGHLY ABUSIVE, GOVERNING BODY COULD THEN HEAR "BALANCING" STATEMENTS. IF ARABS ARE RESTRAINED AND PROPOSE NO SPECIFIC ACTION (AS DIRECTOR GENERAL PREDICTS WILL BE THEIR STANCE) RONN BELIEVES BEST POSSIBLE COURSE WOULD BE FOR SOMEONE (PREFERABLY US) TO MAKE STOUT ENOUGH STATEMENT TO DRAW EXCHANGE BACK TOWARDS THE CENTER, BUT ONE CALCULATED ALSO TO PERMIT OUTCOME WHEREBY DIRECTOR GENERAL WOULD BE ALLOWED TO PROCEED WITH CONTINUING INVESTIGATION IN CALM FASHION.

3. WE ASSURED HIM HIS VIEWS WOULD BE TAKEN CAREFULLY INTO ACCOUNT, AND AGREED TO KEEP IN CLOSE CONTACT AS GOVERNING BODY ENTERS ITS FINAL DAY.

4. COMMENT: ON BASIS OF DISCUSSION HERE WE BELIEVE APPROACH SUGGESTED BY RONN IS MOST APPROPRIATE ONE GIVEN SPECIAL NATURE AND HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE AND LIMITED LEVERAGE WE HAVE TO EXERCISE UPON IT BECAUSE OF THIS. AS GUIDANCE CONTAINED REFTEL DOES NOT ADDRESS POSSIBLE OUTCOME NOW ENVISAGED, AND EVIDENTLY FAVORED, BY RONN, RECOMMEND DEL BE AUTHORIZED TO ACQUIESCE IN SUCH OUTCOME IF PRE-REQUISITE SITUATION (PARA 2 ABOVE) PREVAILS. DALE

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